COALCRETING M. C. ROAD

*979. [20] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have any plan for coalcreting the M. C. road and if so has any time limit been fixed;

(*b*) what is the expense for metalling a mile of the M. C. road and how long will the road be under good condition under the present traffic strain;

(*c*) what will be the cost of remetalling a mile of the M. C. road;

(*d*) what is the maintenance expense for one mile of the M. C. road; and

(*e*) what will be the cost of coalcreting one mile of the M. C. Road?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) There is a plan for experimental coalcreting by cement the M. C. Road. The intention of Government is to do this in a period of 5 to 6 years.

(*b*) and (*c*) The M. C. Road is already metalled and for re-metalling about Rs. 10,000 per mile will be necessary. The road will be in good condition after re-metalling for nearly one year.

(*d*) On an average Rs. 2,000 per mile.

(*e*) The coalcreting that was done experimentally for one mile costs about Rs. 46,000 and it is expected that it will come down to Rs. 45,000 if the results of the coalcreting that has been done proves satisfactory and if Government decides to proceed with the coalcreting process.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. പി. വർഗീസ്: റോഡിൽ ഒരുഭാഗത്തു് ഒരിക്കൽ കോൾക്രീറ്റ് ചെയ്താൽ അതു് എത്ര വർഷത്തേക്കു് നിലനില്ക്കുമെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: In fact the coalcreting that was done at Pallom for one mile was experimental. Because of the novelty and the comparative economy of the process, Government decided to make an experiment and it has been done. Later, cement experts from the Cement Marketing Company of India have been here. Mr. Thanden inspected the place and he has stated that the coalcreting may not prove to be as enduring as it is expected to be. Therefore Government is seriously considering whether the coalcreting process should be continued at all. But at present coalcreting is done with higher percentage of cement and with a stronger ground. That has been done for one mile. And Government is hoping to watch its effect.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മുഹമ്മദ്: റോഡിൽ കോൾക്രീറ്റ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുമുഖേനയാണോ, അതോ വല്ല കമ്പനിയും മുഖേനയാണോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: It is being done departmentally.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. പി. വല്ലീസ്: കോൾക്രീറ്റചെയ്യുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കോൺക്രീറ്റ ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് കൂടുതൽ ആദായവും ബലവും കിട്ടുകയില്ലേ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: The cost of concreting a road will, of course, depend upon the width of the road and the thickness of the concreting.

ശ്രീ. പി. നാണു: എല്ലാ റോഡുകളിലും കോൾക്രീറ്റ് ചെയ്യാൻ സാദ്ധ്യതയില്ലേ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: It is a matter of technical and expert opinion.

ശ്രീ. പി. നാണു: എം. സി. റോഡിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം മാത്രമേ കോൾക്രീറ്റ ചെയ്യുകയും നന്നാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുവാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുള്ളോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: As far as that is concerned, because Trivandrum-Quilon-Alleppey-Cochin road stands part of the National Highway, where the Government of India will either undertake to meet the entire expenditure involved or at least 50 per cent of the expenditure, Government thought it would be unwise to go and concrete those roads. If we concrete these roads, and later on when the Government of India decide to work the National Highway scheme they will say "We will meet the future expenditure but not that you have already spent". So it was thought wise not to take up those roads at present.

ശ്രീ. പി. നാണു. എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ശരിയായ മറുപടി കിട്ടിയില്ല. ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചതു് സംസ്ഥാനത്തുള്ള എല്ലാ റോഡുകളിലും കോൺക്രീറ്റോ, കോൾക്രീറ്റോ ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ലേ എന്നാണു്?

Sri. E. John Philipose: That depends upon the availability of finance.

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ശ്രീ. പി. എം. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: ആവർഷം എന്നവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് മുന്നവർഷമായി കഴിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ലേ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Not necessary.

BUS STOP

*980. [21] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state: whether he received any, application from the public of Vadayampady in the Aikkaranad kara for having a bus stop at the junction where the Perumpavoor-Puthenkurisu road meets the Muvattupuzha-Ernakulam road near the 10th mile (Patham mile)?

Sri E. John Philipose: Yes; after necessary enquiries the request of the public was granted by declaring Vadayampady a stop for all departmental buses plying in the above line.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. വി. ചാക്കോ: അനുകൂലമായിട്ടു് ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും ഉത്തരവു് പാസാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോന്നാണോ പറഞ്ഞതു്?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Yes.

ROAD IN ERNAKULAM

*981. [22] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased state.—

(*a*) by what time the new seventy-feet road in Ernakulam be completed; and

(*b*) whether it will be tarred or similarly treated, and if so by what time?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) This cannot be stated definitely now.

(*b*) This will be considered after the road has been completed.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. വി. ചാക്കോ: ഈ റോഡു് ഇക്കൊല്ലംതന്നെ പൂർത്തിയാക്കുകയില്ലെ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: It is almost definite that it would be completed within two years; but whether it would be completed this year is not definite.

Sri. P. K. Dewer: May I know whether the road will be completed soon?

Sri. E. John Philipose: It is not possible to make any definite statement as far as that is concerned. It will be possible to complete that within two years.

Sri. P. K. Dewer: May I know whether Government have not given a time to the contractors by which the road ought to be completed?

Sri. E. John Philipose: I will look into the case. There have been many such cases.

Sri. R. K. Ram: I request the permission of the Chair to put Question No. 23.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

BUSES PLYING BETWEEN TRIVANDRUM AND NAGERCOIL

*982. [23] **Sri. R. Chellaswami Nadar:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of buses plying between Trivandrum and Nagercoil; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the travelling public owing to want of sufficient buses?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) 17 ordinary buses; 3 express buses and 1 express coach are running in the Trivandrum-Cape Comorin road; and 8 Shuttle buses are operating in this line.

(*b*) Government is aware of the difficulties and steps are being taken to eliminate these difficulties. As I have stated before in this House, Government hope that before June these difficulties would be considerably minimised and the passenger traffic, as far as transport buses are concerned, will get better facilities.

Sri. Gabriel Nadar: It is stated that 17 ordinary buses are plying in the Trivandrum-Cape route. Do they include shuttle buses?

Sri. E. John Philipose: That number does not include the shuttle services. I have stated that 8 separate shuttle buses are operating in that line.

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